

Proposed City of Stayton Charter

PREAMBLE

We, the voters of Stayton, Oregon exercise our power to the fullest extent possible under the Oregon Constitution and laws of the state, and enact this Home Rule Charter.

CHAPTER I: NAMES AND BOUNDARIES

SECTION 1: TITLE OF ENACTMENT

This enactment may be referred to as the Stayton Charter of 20__.

SECTION 2: NAME OF CITY

The municipality of Stayton, Marion County, Oregon, is a municipal corporation which carries the name "City of Stayton."

SECTION 3: BOUNDARIES

The City includes all territory within its boundaries as they now exist or are legally modified. The City will maintain as a public record an accurate and current description of the boundaries.

CHAPTER II: POWERS

SECTION 4: POWERS OF THE CITY

The City has all powers that the constitutions, statutes and common law of the United States and Oregon expressly or impliedly grant or allow municipalities, as fully as though this charter specifically enumerated each of those powers.

SECTION 5: CONSTRUCTION OF CHARTER

The Charter will be liberally construed so that the City may exercise fully all powers and authority possible under this charter and under United States and Oregon law.

SECTION 6: DISTRIBUTION

The Oregon Constitution reserves initiative and referendum powers as to all municipal legislation to city voters. This charter vests all other city powers in the Council except as the Charter otherwise provides. The Council has legislative, administrative and quasi-judicial

authority exercised by ordinances, resolutions, orders and/or rules. The Council may not delegate its authority to adopt ordinances.

CHAPTER III: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

SECTION 7: COUNCIL

The Council is composed of five councilors elected from the City at large or from wards or districts if so designated by the Council.

SECTION 8: COUNCILORS

At each biennial general election, three councilors shall be elected. Of the three, the two receiving the two highest number of votes shall each hold office for four years, and the one receiving the third highest number of votes shall hold office for two years.

SECTION 9: MAYOR

SECTION 10: QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

- (a) The Mayor and each councilor must be a qualified elector under state law and reside within the city limits for at least one year immediately before election or appointment to office.
- (b) Neither the Mayor nor a councilor may be employed by the City. An elected official may serve as a City volunteer.
- (c) The Council is the final judge of the election and qualifications of its members